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THE
MARYLAND
FARM LABOR PROGRAM



1948-1949

Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE DIVISION

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A careful appraisal of each crew leader and crew was made in 1948 and 1949. From these appraisals, it was possible to select the best crews and invite them to return to Maryland each succeeding season, and to discourage those whose work records were not satisfactory. "Migration by Appointment" -- selecting and personally interviewing desirable crew leaders, providing definite work contracts, and assuring the leaders that suitable and sufficient housing would be provided -- paid dividends by securing better and more stable workers.

Very few foreign workers were employed in Maryland during 1948 and 1949. There were 78 Jamaicans in the state at the beginning of the 1948 season, and these were retained through October 1949. They were employed principally in year round orchard work and on a farm producing mushrooms. Due to their experience and training, it was difficult to replace them with suitable local labor.

In addition to the Jamaicans, there were approximately 70 Puerto Rican workers employed by two cannery operators to pull sweet corn. These workers were secured through a private agency in Philadelphia after the Maryland State Employment Service had refused to issue a certification of need on the ground that sufficient local and migrant workers were available to perform the job.

Few year round farm workers were available during the war and this condition still continues. The passage of the Displaced Persons Act by the 80th Congress permitted the entry of additional immigrants and according to the terms of the Act, not less than 30 percent had to be agricultural workers.

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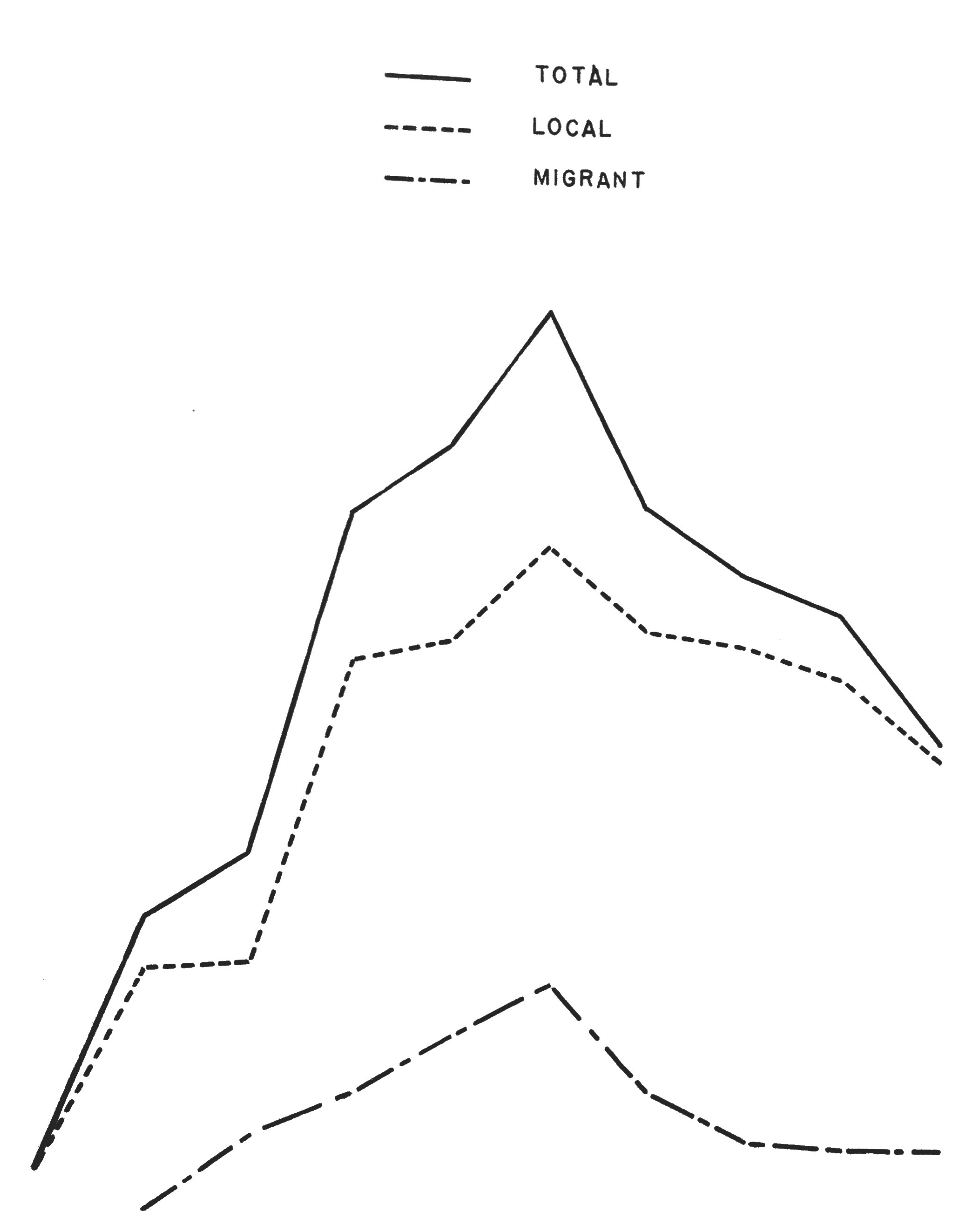
AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1948

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AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

1949

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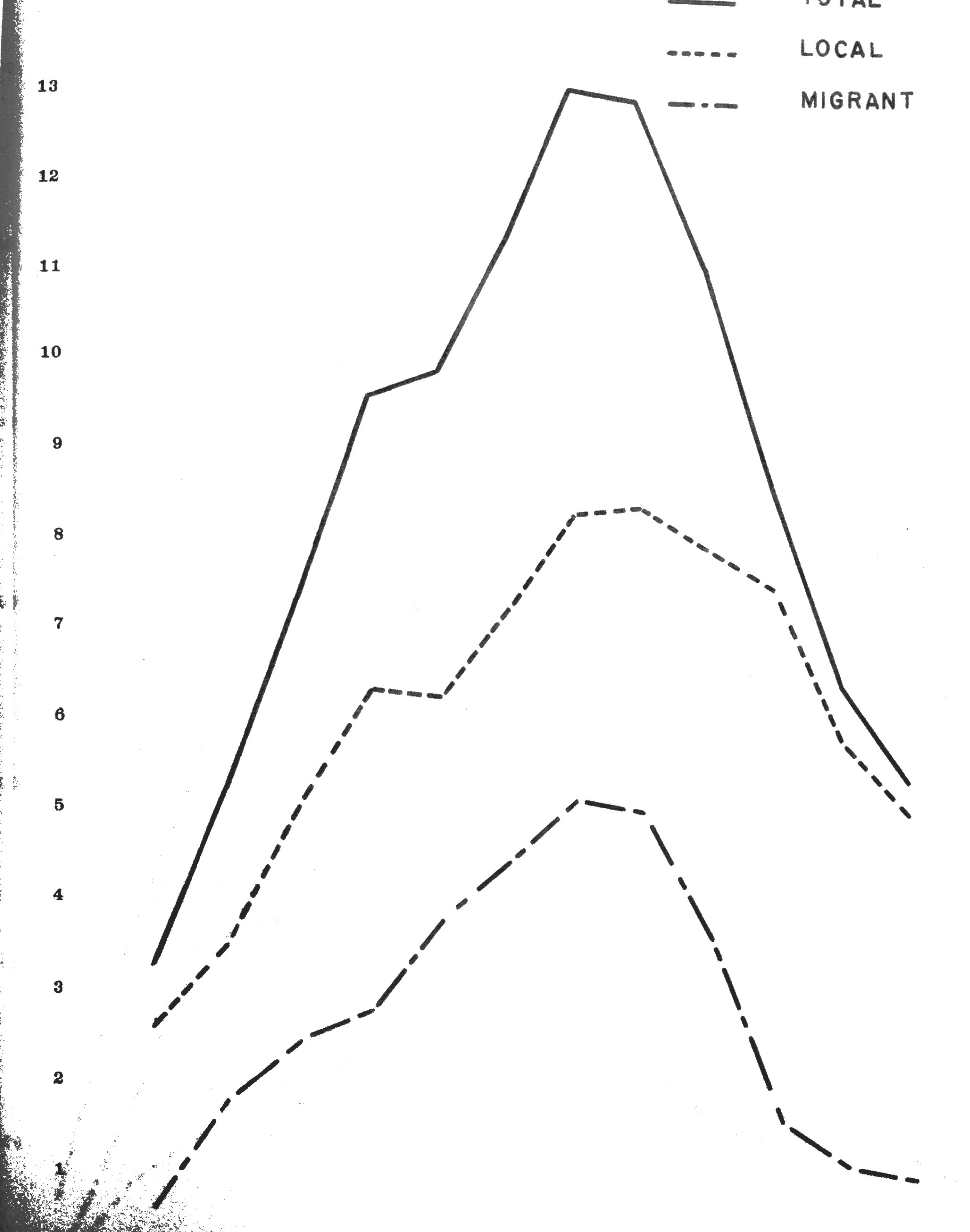
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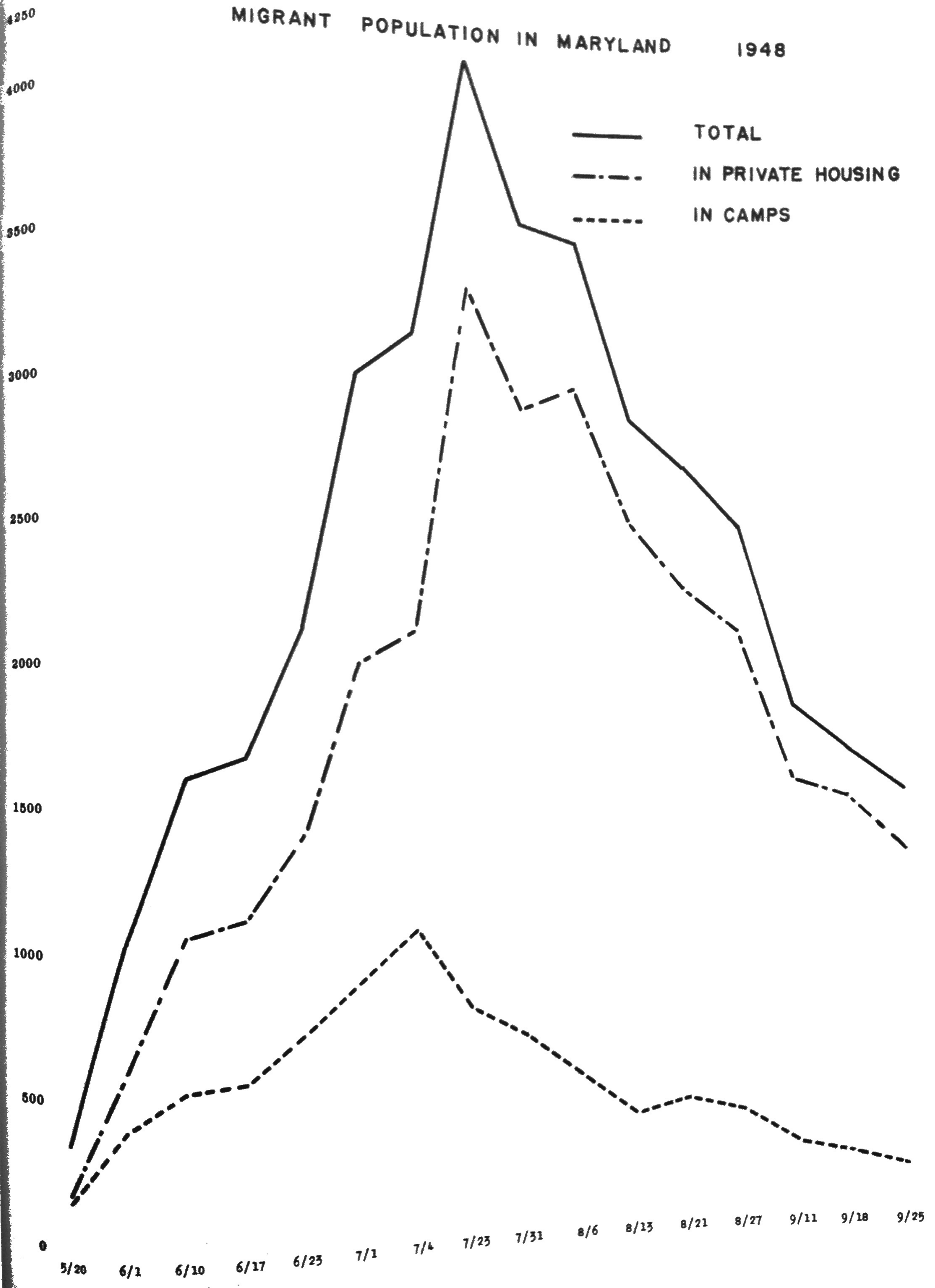
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MIGRANT POPULATION IN MARYLAND

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